

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Broken promises

To the Editor:
The following letter has been sent to Mr. F.X. Biglin, Senior Assistant Postmaster General, United States Postal Service, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biglin:

During his tenure as Postmaster in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, Gerald P. Barrett went on record, on January 6, 1983, during the Town Meeting sponsored by the Carbondale Historical Society, as saying that when the Carbondale Post Office was moved from its facility at the southwest corner of North Main Street and Lincoln Avenue to its new facility at 50 Dunduff Street that a substation of the United States Postal Service would be established somewhere on Carbondale's Main Street.

On November 28, 1983, the United States Postal Service moved from its old building (75 North Main Street) into its new building (50 Dunduff Street). On November 29, 1983, I wrote to Mr. Joseph Zapok, Officer in Charge, United States Postal Service, Carbondale, and asked where the promised Main Street substation would be located and when it would be opened to the general public.

On December 1, 1983, Mr. Zapok wrote me a letter in which he stated that "Mr. Barrett was not acting within the scope of his authority when he indicated at this town meeting, that he would establish a substation on Main Street after the new facility was operational." Mr. Zapok further stated: "Neither he (Gerald Barrett) nor I possess such authority."

Sincerely,
S. Robert Fawell,
President, Carbondale Historical Society

Many Thanks,
Al and Ann McGowan

Do you remember when . . .

15 YEARS AGO
Four people walked away after they made a forced landing. The plane landed behind Crystal Pines Restaurant at Crystal Lake. From left to right were: Joe Lavery, John Mark, Francis Graylock, and Debra Lavery. The plane was a Cessna 441, piloted by Joe Lavery. The plane was forced to land because of engine trouble. The plane was damaged but the passengers were not injured.

20 YEARS AGO
An organization meeting of 50 young men 14 to 17 years of age was held for the purpose of organizing a Carbondale Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol and the following attended: Tony Haron, Thomas Bette, Eugene Bush, John Butts, Joe Chelo, Bob Collins, Anthony Crilly, Anthony Falbo, Phil Helt, James Kelly, John Kough, Dwyer Lawless, Fred Zorn, Joseph Teep, James Tomaine and Charles York.

20 YEARS AGO
Carbondale Daily News carriers were entertained at a Christmas party at the NEWS Building and prizes were awarded as follows to winners in circulation contest: first, Paul Hutchins; second, Billy Krantz; and third, Nyle Frieboel.

Arman First Class Michael R. Rinaldi, 21, 38 Woodlawn Ave., was named Airman of the Month by his squadron at Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu.

A Christmas play "To us a Son" was presented Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in St. John's Russian Orthodox Church on Hill St., Mayfield.

Forty persons presented themselves at the recent Bloodmobile visit held at Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church to donate blood.

The Science Club is planning to present two plays: The Historical Toothache, and A Woman of Genius. The director is Brita Bergen and further details will be given at a later date.

Members of the committee making arrangements for Christmas party of Carbondale Chapter, Marywood College Alumnae, met to prepare for annual Christmas party to be held at 1:30 p.m., December 28, at the Hotel American.

Carbondale Lions Club and the Jewish Civic League were among the first local organizations to join the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company's "Operation: Trees" program.

The gymnasium of the Carbondale

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Keeping in touch

By James Laurie
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"GREETINGS" at Christmastime

On behalf of all former Carbondaleans all over the world, we wish all Carbondaleans a very Merry Christmas and the happiness of the new year. May this day and every day be blessed by God above with sincere respect and love. Even though we are miles away, we truly care for we were you, yesterday. How truly proud we are of our home town, because throughout the years each one of you have contributed with love, respect and concern to our town, to our pride. We were far away but we were there, in our prayers in our hearts, in our concern. We were thanks go to all Carbondaleans, your spiritual leaders, your educational leaders, your merchants, your civic organizations, your medical services, your fire and police departments and your public officials. To all Carbondaleans, our many thanks for making and keeping Carbondale the best hometown around. We share, indirectly, your problems, your successes and we are most grateful for the memories of yesterday and the belonging of and to Carbondale. We thankfully share with all of you, this Christmas Day, this New Year, from us of yesterday, to a town, its people so near and dear, our love, and respect, our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and the happiest New Year.

Jim Laurie

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